Fashion Institute of Technology, New York (FIT), along with Executive Director, NIFT as member of the delegation.

(ii) During the period from Ist April, 1998 upto 31st October, 1998, Secretary (Textiles) led the delegation to New York from 21st to 23rd May, 1998 (excluding actual travel time) for participation in the *Preparatory Meeting for the* International Conference of Fashion Schools (held in the month of November, 1998), alongwith Executive Director, NIFT as member of the said delegation.

हथकरघा, विद्युत करघा और मिल क्षेत्र द्वारा कमाई गई विदेशी मुद्रा

1084. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वस्त्रों का उत्पादन मुख्यतः हथकरघा, विद्युत करघा और मिल क्षेत्रों में किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान क्षेत्र-वार औसत वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना हुआ; और

(ग) इन क्षेत्रों द्वारा गत वर्षों में औसतन कितनी-कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा कमाई गयी है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री काशीराम राणा): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान क्षेत्र-वार वार्षिक उत्पादन नीचे दर्शाया गया है:

(मिलियन वर्ग मीटर में)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (अनंतिम)
मिल क्षेत्र	2019	1957	1963
हथकरघा क्षेत्र	7202	7456	7862
विद्युतकरघा क्षेत्र	17198	19595	20303

(ग) पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान हथकरघा, पावरलूम तथा मिल क्षेत्रों से निर्यात द्वारा अर्जित विदेशी विनिमय नीचे दर्शायी गई है:—

वर्ष	राशि करोड़ रुपये में
1995-96	29809.77
1996-97	35477.92
1997-98	39126.61

Textile Upgradation Fund

1085. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to create a Textile Upgradation Fund with a corpus of Rs. 25,000/- crores;

(b) whether Government would expedite the process so as to benefit the spinning mills set up in Tamil Nadu since Tamil Nadu accounts for 50% of the total spinning mills; and

(c) the action taken so far to revive the Textile Industry from its sickness?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) A proposal is under formulation to facilitate modernisation through technological upgradation of the textile industry aimed at improving its production and productivity so that Indian textile become more competitive. The proposal involves making loans available from financial institutions to the identified sectors of textile industry with an interest incentive. When implemented this scheme will benefit identified sectors of textile industry throughout the country including Tamil Nadu.

(c) Among other measures taken by the Government to tackle the problems of industrial sickness in general (including textiles) was the establishment of a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. Till 31.10.1998, 384 cases of textiles mills had been registered with the Board. Recently the Government have set up an Expert Committee under the Chairman-